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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Education Pack for SHREK THE MUSICAL!

Increasingly movies are inspiring West End and Broadway shows, and the *Shrek* series, based on the William Steig book, already has four feature films, two Christmas specials, a Halloween special and 4D special, in theme parks around the world under its belt.

It was celebrated English stage and film director Sam Mendes who had the idea to take the book and the first movie and create a new musical version for the stage. The plot remains much the same with a completely original score, new book and lyrics.

Of course all the familiar characters are there: Shrek, Donkey, Princess Fiona and Lord Farquaad, but **SHREK THE MUSICAL** is much more than the movie moved to the stage.

Shrek is a modern fairytale: a story of good versus evil; of love and friendship. The themes are universal and perfect for ongoing study with students. "It's really three friends going on a journey."

SHREK THE MUSICAL debuted at the Broadway Theatre, New York City on December 14th 2008 and opens in the West End of London on June 14th 2011.

This Education Pack is aimed at teachers across the curriculum. It contains activities suitable for students of English, History, Drama, Art and Design, PSHE, Citizenship, Photography, Media Studies and ICT from KS2 to KS4.

This pack utilises the characters and beloved stories children know, whilst providing educational activities, so you can explore and be inspired by the fairytale magic of **SHREK THE MUSICAL**.

